

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Fred Thomas, on February 11, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Fred Thomas, Chair (R)
Sen. David Howard, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Diane Sands (D) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D) (arrived after roll call)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 276, 2/6/2015; SB 277, 2/6/2015; SB 48, 2/9/2015

00:00:04 Chairman Thomas

00:00:45 Chairman Thomas turned the chair over to Vice Chair Howard.

HEARING ON SB 276

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:36 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 276, Establish directory of medicaid personal care services in Montana.

[EXHIBIT\(phs31a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:01 Rose Hughes, executive director, Montana Health Care Association

[EXHIBIT\(phs31a02\)](#)

00:09:57 Mike Mayer, executive director, Summit Independent Living Center

00:10:37 Tom Osborn, executive director, North Central Independent Living Services

00:11:39 Bob Maffit, executive director, Montana Independent Living Project

00:13:18 Joel Peden, Montana Independent Living Center

00:14:30 Claudia Clifford, advocacy director, AARP Montana

00:15:47 Jacqueline Helt, state director, SEIU Healthcare #775

00:16:11 Katie Spaid, program manager, Consumer Direct, Nightingale Nursing and Caregiving

[EXHIBIT\(phs31a03\)](#)

00:17:51 Beth Brenneman, staff attorney, Disability Rights Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

00:18:19 Kelly Williams, administrator, Senior and Long Term Care Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(phs31a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:05 Sen. Thomas

00:24:06 Ms. Williams, DPHHS

00:24:19 Sen. Thomas

00:24:37 Ms. Williams

00:25:15 Sen. Thomas

00:25:27 Ms. Williams

00:25:41 Sen. Thomas

00:25:49 Ms. Williams

00:26:32 Sen. Thomas

00:27:00 Sen. Webb

00:28:22 Sen. Caferro

00:28:49 Sen. Webb
00:29:00 Sen. Caferro
00:29:31 Ms. Williams
00:29:55 Sen. Caferro
00:30:09 Ms. Williams
00:30:21 Vice Chair Howard
00:30:48 Ms. Williams
00:31:29 Vice Chair Howard
00:31:36 Ms. Williams
00:31:59 Vice Chair Howard
00:32:18 Ms. Williams
00:32:37 Vice Chair Howard
00:32:43 Ms. Williams
00:33:29 Vice Chair Howard

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:50 Sen. Webb
00:35:03 Vice Chair Howard

HEARING ON SB 277

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:13 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 277, Revise laws related to DPHHS personal assistance services information collection.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:50 Rose Hughes, executive director, Montana Health Care Association
[EXHIBIT\(phs31a05\)](#)

00:42:45 Mike Mayer, executive director, Summit Independent Living Center, Inc.
[EXHIBIT\(phs31a06\)](#)

00:48:53 Bob Maffit, executive director, Montana Independent Living Project
00:51:49 Tom Osborn, executive director, Northwest Independent Living Services
00:53:28 Travis Hoffman, advocacy coordinator, Summit Independent Living Center, Inc.
[EXHIBIT\(phs31a07\)](#)

00:58:14 Katie Spaid, program manager, Consumer Direct, Nightingale Nursing and Caregiving
00:59:22 Beth Brenneman, staff attorney, Disability Rights Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

01:00:10 Kelly Williams, administrator, Senior and Long Term Care Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

EXHIBIT(phs31a08)

01:01:23 Jacqueline Helt, state director, SEIU Healthcare #775 (SEIU)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:06:00 Sen. Thomas
01:06:42 Ms. Helt, SEIU
01:06:49 Sen. Thomas
01:07:23 Ms. Williams, DPHHS
01:07:42 Sen. Thomas
01:07:47 Ms. Williams
01:08:03 Sen. Thomas
01:08:09 Ms. Williams
01:08:28 Sen. Thomas
01:08:31 Ms. Williams
01:09:00 Sen. Thomas
01:09:12 Ms. Williams
01:09:38 Sen. Thomas
01:10:20 Ms. Williams
01:10:41 Sen. Thomas
01:10:48 Ms. Williams
01:11:10 Sen. Thomas
01:11:21 Sen. Sands
01:11:29 Ms. Williams
01:11:35 Sen. Sands
01:12:12 Ms. Williams
01:12:57 Sen. Sands
01:13:24 Vice Chair Howard
01:13:30 Mr. Williams
01:13:39 Sen. Caferro
01:13:55 Ms. Williams
01:14:24 Sen. Caferro
01:14:55 Ms. Williams
01:15:08 Sen. Caferro
01:16:03 Ms. Williams
01:17:10 Sen. Caferro
01:17:17 Ms. Williams
01:17:45 Sen. Howard
01:18:00 Ms. Williams
01:18:08 Vice Chair Howard
01:18:51 Sen. Webb
01:19:02 Sen. Thomas
01:20:04 Ms. Williams

Closing by Sponsor:

01:20:40 Sen. Webb

Discussion:

01:22:53 Vice Chair Howard

01:23:45 Sen. Thomas

HEARING ON SB 48

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:24:19 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 48, Require electronic reporting of pseudoephedrine sales.

[EXHIBIT\(phs31a09\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:27:40 Jon Bennion, deputy attorney general and legislative liaison, Department of Justice (DOJ)

[EXHIBIT\(phs31a10\)](#)

01:34:40 Mark Long, executive director, Montana Narcotics Officers Association

01:36:51 Brad Griffin, president, Montana Retail Association

01:38:10 Stuart Doggett, executive director, Montana Pharmacy Association

01:38:52 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorney's Association

01:42:52 Jerry Williams, executive director, Montana Police Protective Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:43:41 Marcie Bough, executive director, Montana Board of Pharmacy (MBP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:44:10 Vice Chair Howard

01:44:31 Sen. Swandal

01:44:47 Mr. Bennion, DOJ

01:45:10 Sen. Sands

01:45:37 Mr. Bennion

01:45:59 Sen. Sands

01:46:54 Ms. Bough, MBP

01:49:01 Sen. Sands

01:49:16 Ms. Bough

01:50:14 Vice Chair Howard

01:51:22 Mr. Bennion

01:52:48 Vice Chair Howard

Closing by Sponsor:

01:53:31 Sen. Vincent

Committee Business:

01:58:09 Vice Chair Howard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:11 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs31aad.pdf](#))